

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21, 38-44, and 53-55 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-19, 21, 38-44, and 53-55 in a Notice of Allowability mailed December 15, 2004. Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 11, 13-18, 38, 42, 44, 53 and 54, and cancel previously withdrawn claims 20, 22-37, 45-52, and 56. Applicants also hereby amend reaction schemes and text within the specification. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

In the specification, schemes 5 and 9 have been amended to correct typos by replacing R² in each structure with R³. Furthermore, the R² substituent in the last three structures and in the accompanying text has been amended to more accurately reflect Applicants' invention. Support for these amendments can be found at least in claim 1 of the application as originally filed.

Also in the specification, the starting material has been added in front of each arrow in schemes 10-15 to more clearly indicate that the same starting material is used in each reaction.

Claims 1, 11, 13-18, 38, 42, 44, 53 and 54 have been amended to incorporate the Examiner's amendments included with the Notice of Allowability mailed December 15, 2004. Claim 1 has been further amended to correct typos in the definition of R² by replacing each R³ with R⁹. Support for this amendment can be found at least on page 7, lines 6-8. Claims 14 and 16 have been further amended to correct a typographical error in the name of a compound. Finally, claim 54 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the name of a compound and to remove a compound that does not fall within the scope of the claim.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-19, 21, 38-44, and 53-55 will be pending and are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.



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